Sale of Children by Poor Parents

123. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been seized of incidents of sale of children, including new born, by poverty stricken parents in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such instances taken note of, year-wise during the last three years;

(c) the details of actions taken, if any, based thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of substantive steps contemplated, if any, by Government for providing social security to the children, particularly in those areas which stand identified as stricken by acute poverty, in order that children are not sold for money by their parents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) (a) to (d) Incidents of alleged sale of children in some parts of the country are sometimes highlighted by the media. Whenever such incidents have come to the notice of the Government, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, in consultation with the concerned State Government, have initiated action.

(e) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new schemes titled "Integrated Child Protection Scheme [ICPS]" which aims to put in place a comprehensive protective environment for children across the country.

Crime against women and children

†124. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of incidents of crime against women and children in various parts of the country has been relatively higher during the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are taking any concrete steps to check crimes against women and children or enacting any new law; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.